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SUBJ: CODEL VISITS TO SINAI

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1. SINCE CODEL ASPIN'S PROPOSED VISIT TO SFM WILL BE FIRST FROM ISRAELI SIDE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER HOW SUCH VISITS SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH EGYPTIANS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOE DOES NOT PARTICULARLY LIKE VIP VISIT TO SFM BECAUSE THEY MAY BRING UNWANTED PUBLICITY ABOUT AMERICAN PRESENCE IN SINAI. NEVERTHELESS THEY RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE INTEREST OF CODELS AND OUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH CODELS MATHIAS AND EAGLETON INDICATES THEY WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN MAKING VISITS SUCCESSFUL.

2. GOE NOT EXPECTED TO RAISE ANY OBJECTION TO CODELS VISITING FROM ISRAELI SIDE PROVIDED TREND DOES NOT DEVELOP WITH GREAT MAJORITY VISITS COME FROM ISRAEL. IN ANY CASE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AS MATTER OF COURTESY WE SHOULD INFORM GOE OF ALL CODEL VISITS TO SFM FROM ISRAEL. THE BEST CHANNEL IN OUR VIEW WOULD BE FOR SFM TO INFORM EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER OF VISITS IN ROUTINE WAY. EMBASSY CAIRO WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO NOTIFY GOE OF ANY PROPOSED CODELS FROM THIS SIDE.

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